

Dear Members of the Washington State Building Code

I am writing in opposition to commercial energy code proposals 21-GP1-103, 21-GP1-136 and 21-GP1-179. Implementing these policies will be a de facto ban on natural gas and propane in the commercial building sector for new and major retrofit buildings. This will seriously harm my business and my employees. This bill ignores consumer cost and consumer choice. These proposed changes would require massive wholesale change in aspects of energy markets. It is unclear if much of this change is economically feasible to end users who would be required to pay for such investments.

These proposals essentially say my business has no place in Washington's future. The State Building Code Council should not be in the business of putting certain businesses out of business. We provide good paying jobs to many Washingtonians and are a critical part of our local community.

Propane is a clean burning fuel and is part of the solution in mitigating climate change, not the problem. Please protect everyday Washingtonians -- my business, employees and customers -- and reject these proposals. Thank you for your consideration.